

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 STATE 170785

20

ORIGIN SNM-02

INFO OCT-01 ADP-00 IO-02 /005 R

66651

DRAFTED BY:S/NM:HRWELLMAN

APPROVED BY:S/NM:HRWELLMAN

----- 079229

R 281326Z AUG 73

FM SECSTATE WASHDC

TO USMISSION GENEVA

C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 170785

FOL TEL SENT ACTION STATE, DEA WASHDC, INFO ANKARA, BEIRUT
FROM AMMAN 23 AUG 73 REPEATED TO YOU

QTE C O N F I D E N T I A L AMMAN 4559

DEA FOR CUSACK, ANKARA FOR BRIGGS, BEIRUT FOR MCCLAIN.

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SNAR, JO

SUBJ: NARCOTICS PROGRAM

REF: A. AMMAN 4124

B. STATE 162546

1. OPIUM TRANSITTING JORDAN IS OF TURKISH ORIGIN AND
MOST IS DESTINED FOR EGYPT, ALTHOUGH LARGE QUANTITIES
ARE SMUGGLED INTO GERMANY. A RELATIVELY SMALL PERCENTAGE
10-15 PERCENT) IS SMUGGLED INTO SAUDI ARABIA. ONCE
OPIUM ENTERS JORDAN FROM SYRIA, THAT DESTINED FOR WEST
GERMANY IS USUALLY TRANSPORTED OVERLAND BY JORDANIAN
SMUGGLERS FROM THE RAMTHA AREA UTILIZING VEHICLES INTO
WHICH CACHES HAVE BEEN BUILT. THERE EXISTS CONSIDERABLE
VEHICULAR TRAFFIC FROM JORDAN TO GERMANY, MUCH OF IT
ACCOMPLISHED BY JORDANIANS EMPLOYED OR SEEKING WORK IN
GERMANY. (SITUATION SOMEWHAT ANALOGOUS TO TURKEY-
FRG TRAFFIC) HASHISH TRAFFIC PARALLELS OPIUM TRAFFIC.

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 STATE 170785

NO INDICATIONS U.S. TARGET FOR DRUGS TRANSITTING JORDAN,

ALTHOUGH HASHISH OFTEN SMUGGLED TO U.S. MILITARY PERSONNEL IN FRANKFURT AREA. ALSO, MANY JORDANIAN HASHISH TRAFFICKERS ARRESTED IN LEBANON HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN SUPPLYING U.S. TROOPS IN GERMANY.

2. CALENDAR 73 SEIZURES OPIUM AND HASHISH, COUPLED WITH INTELLIGENCE DEVELOPED BY JORDANIAN ANTI-NARCOTICS UNIT, GIVES STRONG INDICATION THAT OPIUM TRAFFICKING INCREASING SUBSTANTIALLY AND TRAFFICKING COMMUNITY GROWING PROGRESSIVELY LARGER. MANY JORDANIAN TRAFFICKERS ARE SITUATED IN EUROPE, SYRIA, LEBANON, SAUDI ARABIA, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, ETC., GIVE TRAFFIC LARGE SCOPE. MANY JORDANIAN NATIONALS HAVE BEEN ARRESTED FOR TRAFFICKING IN EUROPE AND LEBANON, ALTHOUGH EXACT STATISTICS UNKNOWN.

3. CURRENT INVESTIGATION INDICATES ALIA FLIGHT CREW MEMBERS WILL BE UTILIZED TO SMUGGLE 3.5 KILOS OF HEROIN TO CANADA. BELIEVE THIS DEVELOPMENT ONLY TIP OF ICEBERG. CASE WOULD HAVE GONE UNDETECTED HAD IT NOT BEEN FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF JORDANIAN ANTI-NARCOTICS UNIT. UNIT INTENDS CONCENTRATE IN COMING MONTHS ON INVESTIGATION OF ALIA AS VEHICLE FOR NARCOTICS TRAFFIC.

4. JORDANIAN ANTI-NARCOTICS UNIT HAS PROVIDED USEFUL INTELLIGENCE REGARDING SEVERAL SYRIAN AND LEBANESE TRAFFICKERS OF DISTINCTION. INCLUDING INFAMOUS LEBANESE HEROIN CHEMIST OMAR MAKKOUK. MOREOVER, THEY HAVE RECRUITED SEVERAL INFORMANTS WHICH DEA BEIRUT EXPECTS TO USE IN INVESTIGATIONS AIMED AT MAJOR OPIATE TRAFFICKERS. THE JORDANIAN UNIT HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN ACQUIRING INTELLIGENCE IN THE NORTH EAST CORNER OF JORDAN ON BORDER WITH SYRIA WHERE MOST OPIUM IS BELIEVED TO ENTER. THE UNIT EXPECTS A SEIZURE OF 250 KILOS OF OPIUM IN THIS AREA WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS. (SINCE JULY 1 THE UNIT HAS SEIZED CLOSE TO ONE-HALF TON OF OPIUM IN JORDAN) TRIBES IN THIS AREA HAVE TRADITIONAL SMUGGLING AFFINITY WITH THEIR SYRIAN COUNTERPARTS AND EFFORTS ARE BEING MADE TO RECRUIT SOURCES OF INFORMATION FROM THE UPPER ECHELONS OF THE

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 STATE 170785

TRIBAL LEADERSHIPS. GENERAL INTELLIGENCE PROVIDED ON SYRIA BY THE JORDANIAN UNIT TENDS TO CORROBORATE THAT OBTAINED VIA DEA BEIRUT SOURCES, I.E., THE GREAT VOLUME OF OPIATE TRAFFIC IN THE ALEPPO AREA, LACK OF ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY BY SARG AND INVOLVEMENT OF BA'ATH PARTY OFFICIALS IN TRAFFIC. (IRONICALLY, FIVE KILOS OF HEROIN RECENTLY SEIZED IN ALEPPO WAS ATTRIBUTED TO JORDAN BY THE SARG.) OVERTLY, THE

JORDANIAN ANTI-NARCOTICS UNIT HAS BEEN PRESSING THEIR SYRIAN COUNTERPARTS FOR INFORMATION AND INVESTIGATION FOLLOW-UP ON INTELLIGENCE DEVELOPED IN JORDAN. ALTHOUGH THERE EXISTS NO REASON FOR OPTIMISM REGARDING SARG RESPONSE, IT SHOULD BE EMPHASIZED THAT THE DEARTH OF INTELLIGENCE AVAILABLE REGARDING SYRIAN TRAFFIC RENDERS ESSENTIAL THE ROLE BEING PLAYED BY JORDAN IN INTELLIGENCE COLLECTION.

5. THE JORDANIANS HAVE ALSO INDICATED A WILLINGNESS TO USE THEIR CONSIDERABLE FORCE OF OFFICERS IN THE GULF STATES TO GOOD ADVANTAGE IN COLLECTING NARCOTICS INTELLIGENCE. THE GULF IS AN AREA WHICH POSES MANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THE EXTENT AND NATURE OF TRAFFIC, PARTICULARLY THAT IN PAKISTANI OPIUM. THE JORDANIANS APPEAR TO BE THE ONLY ARAB COUNTRY WITH THE NECESSARY ASSETS AND WILLINGNESS TO COOPERATE, WHICH CAN SERVE U.S. NARCOTICS INTELLIGENCE REQUIREMENT IN THIS CRITICAL AREA.

6. SINCE 1967 OUR ONLY TRULY EFFECTIVE ANTI-NARCOTIC ALLY IN THE MIDDLE EAST HAS BEEN LEBANON. GIVEN THE AREA-WIDE AND INTERNATIONAL NATURE OF TRAFFIC EMANATING FROM THIS AREA, MORE ASSISTANCE IS NEEDED FROM HOST GOVERNMENTS. JORDAN'S APPRECIATION OF ITS ENFORCEMENT RESPONSIBILITY AND THE VALUE OF THE INTELLIGENCE THE JORDANIAN UNIT HAS PROVIDED SO FAR, HAS BEEN IMPRESSIVE. IT SHOULD BE REMEMBERED THAT ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE REPRESENT THE EFFORTS OF A VERY SMALL NARCOTICS UNIT (WHOSE PRESENT STRENGTH NUMBERS ONLY ELEVEN OFFICERS AND MEN) ONLY RECENTLY CREATED AND FACED WITH ALL THE PROBLEMS ATTENDANT TO INITIAL ORGANIZATION. ONE REASON FOR THE UNITS SUCCESS TO DATE HAS BEEN THE TOTAL BACKING OF ITS EFFORTS BY THE HIGHEST

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 04 STATE 170785

AUTHORITY IN JORDAN. THERE IS EVERY INDICATION THAT BOTH THE KING AND THE CROWN PRINCE INTEND TO CONTINUE THEIR ALL OUT SUPPORT OF THE UNIT IN ORDER TO A) REMOVE JORDAN FROM THE MAP OF NARCOTICS TRAFFIC AND B) TO CONTRIBUTE SIGNIFICANTLY TO THE USG EFFORT AGAINST INTERNAL DRUG TRAFFIC.

7. EMBASSY AND DEA REPRESENTATIVES STRONGLY RECOMMEND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COUNTRY ACTION PLAN TO ASSIST THE JORDANIAN ANTI-NARCOTICS UNIT TO INCREASE ITS OWN CAPABILITY IN PURSUIT OF JORDANIAN OBJECTIVES AND AT THE SAME TIME TO ENABLE THE UNIT TO CONTRIBUTE SIGNIFICANTLY TO USG EFFORTS IN THIS PRIORITY FIELD OF ENDEAVOR.
BROWN UNQTE RUSH

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: DRUG CONTROL, DRUG TRAFFIC, OPIUM
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 28 AUG 1973
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: golinofr
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1973STATE170785
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: S/NM:HRWELLMAN
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS RUSH
Errors: N/A
Film Number: n/a
From: STATE
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1973/newtext/t19730810/aaaaahix.tel
Line Count: 168
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE
Office: ORIGIN SNM
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 4
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: A. AMMAN 4124
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: golinofr
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 01 AUG 2001
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <01-Aug-2001 by kelleyw0>; APPROVED <01 MAR 2002 by golinofr>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: NARCOTICS PROGRAM
TAGS: SNAR, JO, (MAKKOUK, OMAR)
To: GENEVA
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005